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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) A device for hiding keys or other small devices outdoors, comprising:

a housing having a base and a sidewall extending upwardly from the base to define a circular opening and a cylindrical cavity therein, wherein the housing resembles a pop-up sprinkler housing, wherein the cavity is adapted to store keys and other items, wherein the housing does not contain a pop-up stem that is typically positioned inside pop-up sprinkler housings, thus providing sufficient space for storing the keys and other items;

a cap detachably engages with the housing via a set of interengaging threads, wherein the cap has an exterior surface that is configured to substantially resemble a sprinkler cap, wherein the cap does not have any openings for water to flow through, thus substantially covering the entire circular opening of the housing and seals the housing when in a closed configuration so as to protect the stored keys and other items in the housing; and

wherein the device is adapted to be positioned outdoors adjacent a plurality of functional pop-up sprinklers so that the appearance of the device cannot be readily identified differentiated from the pop-up sprinklers.

20. (New) The device of Claim 19, wherein the device further comprises an anchor extending downwardly from the housing, said anchor is adapted to anchor the device in soil.